

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2356 - HB 2737

February 21, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Extends property tax relief to any surviving spouse of a veteran whose death resulted from a service-connected cause. Deletes the requirement that the death of a veteran spouse be both service-connected and combat-related, for the surviving spouse to be eligible for property tax relief.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$55,800

Assumptions:

- According to the Comptroller of the Treasury, the total number of surviving spouses qualifying for property tax relief in 2009 was 1,238, with an average payment per recipient of \$979.81 for a total payout of approximately \$1,213,005 (1,238 x \$979.81).
- According to the Comptroller of the Treasury, there were 285 surviving spouses of disabled veterans that became eligible for property tax relief at the time of veterans' death. Under the provisions of this bill, it is estimated that there will be a 20 percent increase (or 57) in the number of surviving spouse recipients for a total of approximately 1,295 recipients for the 2012 tax year.
- The average payment per recipient will remain at \$979.81 and the total payout for surviving spouses in FY12-13 will be \$1,268,854 (1,295 x \$979.81).
- The resulting recurring increase in state expenditures will be \$55,849 (\$1,268,854 - \$1,213,005).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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